

Colors!

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Red around Us

Take a look around you. Do you spot any things that are red? You probably do!

If you walk around your neighborhood, you might see a number of red things. You might see a red STOP sign. You might see a red fire truck. You might see red flowers.

Many people think the color red is beautiful. For some people, the color red has a special meaning. For example, some people believe the color red brings good luck.

What do you think about the color red?



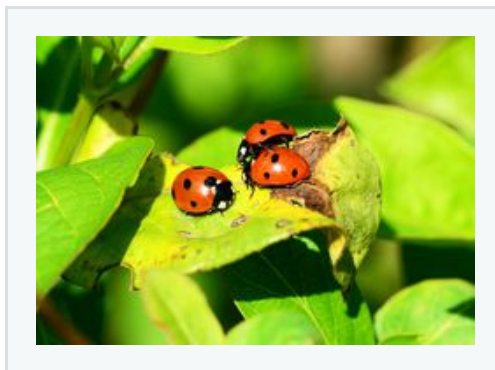
Red strawberries



Red fire truck



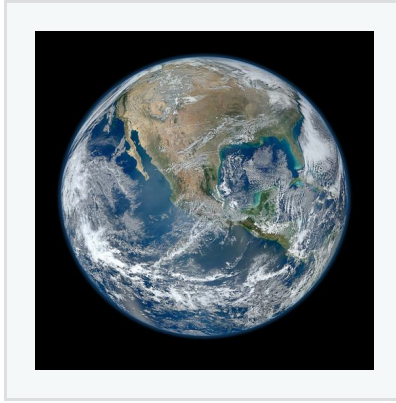
Red STOP sign



Red ladybugs

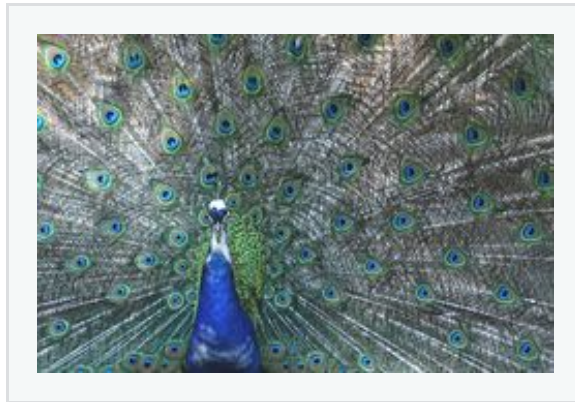
Blue on Earth

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Our Earth

Earth is an amazing planet. Many kinds of animals live on Earth. Many kinds of plants live here, too. Scientists are still finding animals and plants we've never seen before!



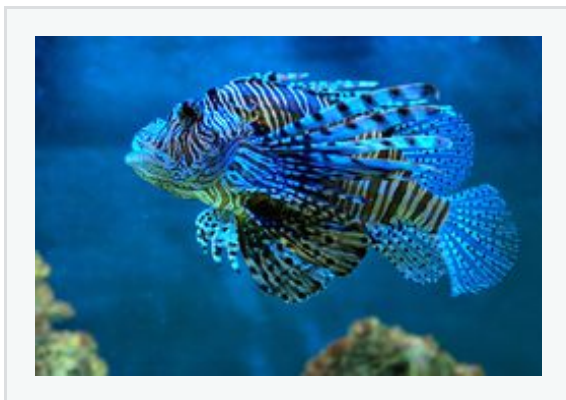
A peacock

If you've seen photos of Earth from space, you know that it looks very blue. Do you know why? Most of Earth is covered by water. This water makes up our oceans.



Blue poison dart frog

But oceans aren't the only things on Earth that are blue. There are blue fish. There are blue frogs. There are blue birds, too!



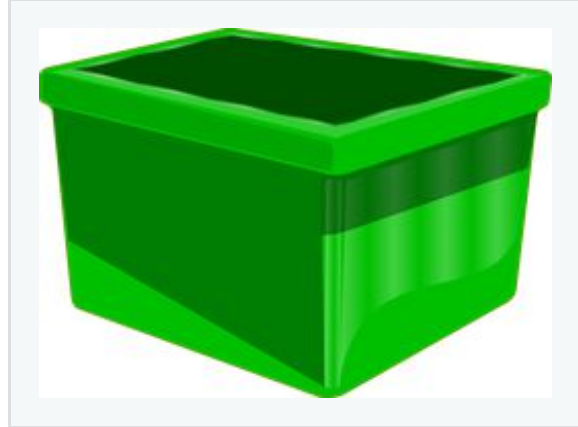
Blue fish

What other things on Earth are blue?

Shades of Green



Green grapes



Green box

Colors are all around us. They make our world more beautiful! Imagine if everything around you was the same color. That might be kind of boring. Luckily, our world is filled with color.

One thing that is cool about colors is that colors can look very different. Let's think about the color green. Take a look at the grapes in the photo. Now take a look at the image of the green box. They're both green. But they're different shades, or kinds of green. The grapes are light green. The box is a darker green.

Can you find other objects that are different shades of green?

The Color of Kings and Queens



This is a painting of Catherine the Great. She was a Russian queen. She is wearing a purple dress.

Have you ever drawn the shape of a heart? The heart shape is a symbol of love. A symbol is something that stands for something else.

Shapes are not the only things that can be symbols. Colors can be symbols, too.

The color purple is a symbol. It's been a symbol for kings and queens for many years. That's because the dye used to make purple things cost a lot of money! Only kings, queens, and other rich people could buy purple clothes.

Purple has also been a symbol for being rich. Can you guess why?

Colorful Foods



A yellow lemon

Orange and yellow are really bright colors. You can find them just about anywhere.

Stand outside. Look at the street. You might see bright yellow lines. Look around. You might see orange flowers.

Where else can you find these colors? In your kitchen! There might be some orange and yellow foods in your kitchen!

Here is a list of some foods that are orange:

- carrots
- oranges
- pumpkins

Here is a list of some foods that are yellow:

- lemons
- bananas
- corn

What color is your favorite food?

Hunters in the Snow



Hunters in the Snow Painting

Painters are artists. They use paint to make pictures. A picture made with paint is a painting.

Artists can use different colors in their paintings. There are paintings with dark colors like brown and black. There are paintings with bright colors like red and yellow. There are paintings with all types of colors mixed together.

Take a look at the painting shown here. The painting is called *The Hunters in the Snow*. A hunter can be a person or animal who finds and kills animals. Can you find the hunters in this painting?

The men hunters are wearing dark clothes. Some of the dogs in the painting are dark colors. A few dogs are brighter colors.

What season is shown in the painting? If you guessed winter, you're right! Look at the white snow painted everywhere.

What else do you notice about the colors in the painting?